

ILLNESS INSURANCE PROBLEM FOR M. D.'S

**Proposed Law Should Improve
on European Scheme, Warns
"Medical Journal."**

DEFECTS POINTED OUT

The *New York Medical Journal* says that no measure that is likely to be presented this year to the New York Legislature will be of wider social importance and of keener interest to the medical profession than the bill which the special committee of the American Association of Labor Legislation is planning to have introduced with reference to insurance against illness.

"Following the German and British examples," the *Medical Journal* continues, "it proposes to make insurance against sickness compulsory for all men and women gainfully employed whose earnings are less than \$1,200 per annum. One-fifth of the cost of this insurance is to be borne by the insured, two-fifths by their employers and one-fifth by the State. The bill provides that dependent children, the widows of insured persons and the dependents of insured persons receive one-third of his regular wages, as well as certain specified medical pharmaceutical and hospital benefits."

"The effect of legislation along these lines is far reaching. It has been estimated in countries of Europe, where such a system has been in effect for several years. Its value in a democratic State is yet to be demonstrated."

"Should such a measure receive the approval of our Legislature, it will solve a number of vital problems for the medical profession and will call for fundamental adjustments to the newly created profession. The State and the medical profession did not realize this until the bill had been passed in Parliament, and then they protested loudly. It is important

dispensaries, which, like hospitals, should be made integral parts of the scheme of

efficient medical work. If we ever adopt a national insurance system, we should try to remedy this and other shortcomings of the European state insurance schemes."

TO HONOR NURSE'S MEMORY.

Bohemian Church Arrange Services for Red Cross Victim.

Memorial services for Miss Stephanie Hampl, the Red Cross nurse, who was drowned when the Italian liner *Brind* struck a mine in the Adriatic and sank, will be held at 7:55 o'clock this morning at the Bohemian Church, Protestant, 247 East Seventy-fourth street. Miss Hampl was a member of the church and her father, Matthew Hampl, is one of the elders.

The Rev. Vincent Pisek, the pastor, will preach a memorial sermon. Prof. Pupin, the Serbian Consul, will make an address. Members of the Red Cross, the Bohemian, Montenegrin Consulate and John W. Frothingham, who financed the Red Cross expedition, will be present.

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